

BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF THE BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

May 9, 2012

Commission members present: John Brown, Jr., and Robbyn Tumey

Others present: Kim Dennison, and Sharon Rose

Media: Tom Sissom, Benton County Daily Record

New Business:

- A. Order establishing the polling locations for the Bentonville School District Special Election scheduled for June 26, 2012: Chairman Brown asked for any comments on the polling locations for the Bentonville School District Special Election. Commissioner Tumey asked Kim Dennison how many voters are allowed to vote in the Bentonville School District Special Election. Kim responded, approximately 43,000. Chairman Brown stated the locations, with three (3) in Bella Vista, one (1) in Cave Springs, one (1) in Centerton, and one (1) in Bentonville. Kim stated that she checked with all polling locations typically used in the Bentonville school election and these were the only ones available on Election Day. Chairman Brown made motion to sign the order for the Bentonville School District Special Election, seconded by Commissioner Tumey. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. Order establishing the early voting locations for the Bentonville School District Special Election scheduled for June 26, 2012: Chairman Brown stated that the Election Commission has reviewed and approved the early voting locations for the Bentonville School District Special Election scheduled for June 26, 2012. Chairman Brown asked for comments. Kim stated that early voting begins June 19 and ends on June 25, at the Bentonville County Clerk's Office, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Centerton Fire House and Iberia Bank will begin June 19 and will end on June 22nd, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Commissioner Tumey asked Kim if any groups had requested exit polling. Kim responded, no. There being no further discussion, the commissioners approved and signed the order.
- C. Review and certify the Bentonville School District Special Election ballots: Chairman Brown stated that the Election Commission has reviewed and approved the ballots for the Bentonville School District Special Election. Commissioner Tumey asked Kim about the BOD. Kim stated she did not order the BOD disk for this election. There being no further discussion, the commissioners approved and certified the Bentonville School District Special Election ballots.

- D. Review and certify the Bentonville School District Special Election Ivotronic ballot: Chairman Brown stated that the Election Commission has reviewed and approved the Ivotronic ballot for the Bentonville School District Election. There being no further discussion, the commissioners approved and certified the Ivotronic ballots.

Other Business:

Chairman Brown stated that a representative from ES&S would be at the Election Commission to assist Kim with the input of election results into the ERM. Kim stated that the ES&S representative will be at the Election Commission on Monday, May 21 through Wednesday, May 23, 2012.

Commissioner Tumey stated that she has concerns with the budget. Chairman Brown stated that because of the number of elections and the amount of funds required to hold an election, reduces a large amount in the budget. Chairman Brown stated that reimbursement for the elections is not returned to the Election Commission, but to the County General fund.

Commissioner Tumey discussed releasing election results. Commissioner Tumey stated she expects a number of candidates to be at the Election Commission office and at watch parties, in addition to news reporters, to be asking for results throughout the night. Chairman Brown asked Tom Sissom, Benton County Daily Record, what the deadlines for the newspaper would be on election night. Tom stated that he was uncertain as to what the deadlines would be on election night. Kim reported that Darryl Marks with the Benton County IS department would be updating the county's website. Kim also reported that the State has a new website that the election commission is responsible for updating during election night and that Darryl volunteered to update that information to the State for the election commission.

Public Comment:

None

Announcements:

None

Adjournment:

Chairman Brown made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Tumey. The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell J. Anzalone, Secretary
Prepared by Sharon Rose
Benton County Election Commission